Discontinuance of relief work in drought •affected areas of Madhya Pradesh

1323. SHRl .SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madhya Pradseh Government has decided to discontinue the relief works in Indore and various other Division in the S ate;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are still large number of drought affected people who have not got relief so far; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for discontinuance of the relief work and to what extent it would affect the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes Sir. The State Government has issued instructions to discontinue relief works in Indore and Ujjain. divhions with affect from 31st July, 1988. In other divisions of the S-afe the relief work have already been stopped since 15th July; 1988.

(b) and (c) State Government have reported there are no drought affected people who have - not got relief. The majority of people in the rural areas got busy with . the sowing and other agricultural operations. The remaining persons arc getting employment on normal plan works and NREP/RLEGP works. Taking into account satisfactory rainfall position and commencement of agricuPural operations, the State Government decided to discontinue tfte relief works gradually.

Rise in prices of foodgrains etc.

1324. SHRI S. S AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUP PLIES be pleased to state whether it is a fact that prices of foodgrains, pulses, edible oils and siapple vegetables have been regis tering" unprecedented rise all over the coun try since July, 1987 despite adequate stock of foodgrains good kharif yield last season and higher oil seeds and sugarcane prod uction during 1987-88?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUP-PLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): Between the terminal week of June 1987 and July 16, 1988 there has bee$_n$ a mixed trend in the prices of essential com-modites The prices .of some commodities have moved up some have moved down and the few have remained more or less steady.

मध्य प्रदेश के बस्तर आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में पेय जल की आपूर्ति

1325. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि मध्य प्रदेश में आदिवासी जिले बस्तर में लगभग 1000 स्थानों पर नलकूपों के पानी में लौह अयस्क के कण होने से वहां पेयजल की व्यवस्था नहीं की जा सकी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इन आदिवासियों को स्वच्छ पेय जल कैसे उपलब्ध कराया जायेगा; और

(ग) उस जिले में फिल्टर आदि लगाने पर आने वाली लागत को पूरा करने के लिए राज्य सरकार को कब तक धन उपलब्ध कराये जाने की संभावना है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में ग्रामीण विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) सरकार को बस्तर जिले में भू-जल में लौह समस्या की जानकारी है ।

(ख) गांवों में अतिरिक्त ट्यूबवैलों के जरिए और जिले में लौह दूर करने के संयंत्र स्थापित करने हेतु कार्यक्रम चलाकर भी पेयजल उपलब्ध कराया जाता है। अधिकांश गांवों में पीने के पानी के लिए एक ट्यूबवैल और हैण्डपम्प उपलब्ध किया जाता है और उनमें से कुछ लौह-मुक्त हैं। अब तक, ऐसे 80 संयंत्र उपलब्ध किये जा चुके हैं ;